

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-8 have been cancelled. Claims 6 and 9-11 remain pending.

In the Office Action, a requirement was made under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 to elect a single invention. The Examiner has identified the following groups:

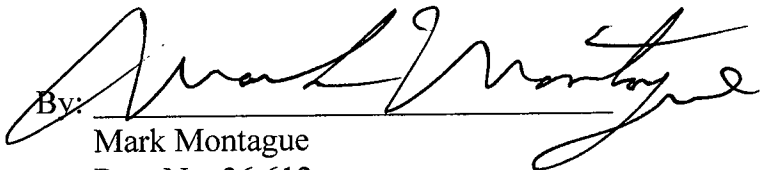
Group I, claims 1-5 and 7-8, drawn to a semiconductor device;

Group II, claims 6 and 9-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

In response to this requirement, the applicant hereby elects, without traverse, claims 6 and 9-11 of Group II to be examined on their merits. Although claims 1-5 and 7-8 of Group I are withdrawn from consideration herein, as well as cancelled herein, the applicant reserves the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

An early and favorable examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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